The Rothbury Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1925.

ROTHBURY,
July 30th, 1926.

Mr. Fenwicke-Clennell,
Lord Armstrong and Gentlemen.

Allow me to submit to you, this, my 30th Annual Report, being that for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Your District embraces 166,959 acres, which at the 1921 census contained 1194 houses, inhabited by 5054 persons. Of these 2515 were males and 2539 females. There were a good many visitors included. This is equal to an average of 4·2 occupants in each house, and is not excessive.

The rateable value at March 25th was £88,361, and the rate for the 12 months was at 4/4 in the £, and raised £8,677, 1d. in the pound raised £168. The rate for various Poor-law and County purposes was 4/6, which raised £10,586. The rateable value was £95,990. At a rate of 1d. in this case raises £196. Thus in all the rate was at 8/10 in the pound, and raised £19263.

The amounts of your Indebtednesses are, for the **Cemetery**, (conjoint with the Urban) £75-18 with a rate of about 3d. in the £ (this is now cleared off).

For **Silverton House** (the Workhouse) there is £1,144 due, about £150 a year of capital is paid off, with 15 years to run. The Urban share is one-eighth.

The out-door relief paid during the year for the entire Union amounted to £1,240. Of those assisted, 136 were adults and 173 children, this is largely due to the laying in of the Lee Colliery. The new Widows and Pensions Act will remove the 6 Widows with 18 children from the list, being a reduction of about £5-8-0 per week.

In the County Mental Hospital at Morpeth, there were 16 persons belonging to the Union. Of these 9 were males and 7 females, at the beginning of the year. 3 new patients were sent there during the same, while 2 were discharged. One died there thus leaving 16. The charge per head a week has been reduced to 26/3 (now 23/9).

The number of **Births** that occurred in your district during the year was 80, but 2 of these belonging to outsiders thus leaving 78. Last year it was 80. Of these, 35 were males and 43 females. Estimating the population at 5085, this gives a birth rate of 15·3. That for England and Wales being 18·3 also being quite low. Your average for the last 5 years is 16·2. The births occurred during the months as follow, January 9, February 7, March 9, April 8, May 2, June 12, July 2 August 4. September 3, October 6, November 5, December 11. Thus, during the first quarter, there were 24, the second 22, the third 9, and the last 22. The Rothbury part has a little decrease from 32 last year to 28 this. Successful vaccination has been obtained in 81 per cent of the children born as against 76 per cent last year. There were 4 children born out of wedlock, all of whom survived their first year of existence. The County Maternity Nurse and Visitor now lives at Brinkburn.

The number of **Deaths** registered in the district was 36, of which 2 were not residents. On the other hand 7 residents died while away from the district, and had to be transferred into it. Thus making 43 of the residential population. Of these 22 were males and 21 females. Last year there were 64. This is at a rate of only 8·4 per 1,000 (last year 12·55). Your average for the last 5 years is 10·6. That for England & Wales is 12·2. They occurred during January 3, February 4, March 10, April 5, May 4, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 0, October 1, November 3, December 4. The age periods at which they occurred were, under 1 year 1, 2 and under 5 years 2, 5 to 15 years 2, 15 to 25 years 3, 25 to 45 years 5, 45 to 65 years 10, 65 years and over 20. Of these latter 65 to 75 years 8, 75 to 80 years 5, and above that 7. The oldest was 90.

The following table records in the different Ecclesiastical parishes (or parts of them) that are existing in your area, the estimated populations, with the births and deaths within them, and the ratio per 1,000 given.

	Population	B'ths	Rate	D'ths	Rate
Rothbury (Rural)	1550	28	18·0	9	5·8
Alwinton	885	13	14·7	10	11·3
Whittingham	780	12	15·4	7	8·9
Longframlington	540	7	13·0	6	11·1
Alnham and Brinkburn ...	415	6	14·4	5	12·0
Cambo and Elsdon	590	8	13·5	4	6·8
Longhorsley and Netherwitton...	325	4	12·3	2	6·2
	5085	78	15·3	43	8·4

As the rate of the whole area is 8·4 it follows that Rothbury (Rural) was the healthiest with a rate of only 5·8, the next being Long Witton and Netherwitton 6·2. Alnham and Brinkburn was heaviest with 12·0. Alwinton and Whittingham have both improved. The average rate for the last 5 years was 10·6. As the number of Births was 78 and that of deaths 43 it follows that 35 were naturally added to the population, and this gives a rate of 7·0 per 1,000. That for England and Wales also low. During the last 5 years the rate has been 5·6 on an average.

Of the 78 infants born there was only 1 death which was due to Bronchitis. This is at a rate of only 12·8. That for England and Wales is 75, being low. Your 5 years average is 5·3, being low.

Referring to the causes of other deaths **Phthisis** (Tuberculosis of the lungs) caused 3 deaths 2 being males and 1 female and the ages 12, 32, and 30. One in the Rothbury and 2 in the Alwinton districts. This is at the rate of only 0·59 per 1,000 per annum. Two of these had been previously notified, the third a female died at Holystone, the disease having caused deaths in the same family. Visits were made and instructions given all being disinfected afterwards. There were none due to Tuberculosis in any other part of the body. **Cancer** caused three deaths 1 being a male. and 2 females, the ages were 73, 64 and 48. The parts affected were, 2 in the Liver, and 1 the swallow pipe a female. Two were in the Alwinton district and 1 in the Rothbury. During the last 5 years there have been 21 deaths (9 males and 12 females) being an

average of 4·2. During the last ten years there were 45 deaths and in the previous 10 there were only 35, thus supporting a general belief that in recent years there seems to be an increase, in England and Wales generally it is so. Extensive enquiries and researches are in hand all over the world. The Bacillus is believed to have been isolated. Still speedy early treatment must be resorted to. The room etc. should be well disinfected afterwards.

Under the **Zymotic** (or Epidemic) class of disease there were 2 deaths, 1 due to measles and 1 to Diphtheria. The **Measles** in a little girl aged 5 years in the Alwinton district, there being a small outbreak there. The **Diphtheria** was in a little girl aged 3 years at Healycote. (see both later in report). **Influenza** caused 2 deaths both males, one of the age of 21 the other 82, in the Alwinton and Rothbury districts, in March and February. **Meningitis** (not Tubercular) probably bacterial caused 1 of a male aged 16 at Whittingham. **Diabetes** caused 1 at Longframlington in a male aged 85. Insuline is having a good effect on this disease whilst it is being taken. **Apoplexy** caused 2, both being over 65 years of age. **Heart disease** caused 5 (3 males and 2 females) the ages varying between 45 and 75. Arterio-schlerosis 1. Bronchitis 3, one being the infant referred to previously the other 2 were over 65 years of age. **Pneumonia** in all forms caused 4 all being females, and the ages varying from 27 to 73, doubtless Influenza was associated with some of these. They were in quite different parts of the district, and occurred during the months March, April, May, and November. There was 1 from other respiratory diseases. **Diarrhoea** did not cause any. **Appendicitis** caused 2, one aged 3 and the other 21, both had been removed to Newcastle for treatment **Nephritis**, 3 all being males and over 65 years of age. **Suicide** one, male aged 44 who shot himself during temporary insanity, an inquest being held. Other **deaths by violence** 3, of which 2 were motor cases, and the third injury to the bowel by fall of stone in coal mine. Another motor accident was transferred as from outside the district into it, belonging here. **Sinile Decay** caused 6, there being 3 males and 3 females, five being over 75 years of age.

As regards the **Stangers** these were two who died in the district both being females. One was due to a motor accident near Longframlington; the other while on visit, to Nephritis.

The only institution in your district which receives inmates for medical treatment is the Hospital for Infectious diseases (conjoint with the Urban district) and situated near Whitton Burn. There are 3 beds in the old part used for Small Pox. This was twice used during the year, it is of a temporary structure in a poor condition, needs a second ward, repairs, and furnishings. There was a well attended meeting at Alnwick of 5 different Conncils to see if a conjoint scheme could not be agreed upon. Personally I think this the best plan. The other, newer and more satisfactory part for other illnesses has 8 beds, and with a caretaker might be retained. Unfortunately no proper caretaker has yet been obtained. It has not been used, and is occupied by one of your workmen.

At **Silverton House** (The Union) is in the Urban Area. One of your residents, a female aged 27, came in from the Lee Colliery in a dying condition with Pneumonia, and succumbed The child of a casual, aged five weeks died there also suffering from malnutrition (uncertified) Here there is a daily average of 12 belonging the districts (7 males, 4 females, 1 child). There were admitted during the year 12 males, 8 females, and 27 children, and discharged 10 males, 9 females, 28 children, leaving 13 at the end of the year. There are 17 Feeble minded young women belonging to Newcastle also here being paid for by that body. The casuals numbered 805 against 742 of the previous year, 745 being males, 46 females and 14 children. I am indebted to Mr. Barton for these returns.

The **Cottage Hospital** is in the Urban district, it receives patients from your district. During the year there were admitted 12 patients from the two districts, There were 25 convalescents from outside. There were no deaths.

The **County Mental Hospital** is situated at Morpeth, (see back). A very useful Ambulance Car has been provided by the energies of a local committee through the Red Cross Society. It is stored at Wright's Garage. A charge of 4d. per mile is made towards its upkeep. Your council and the Urban assist, and the Local Committee have been very energetic and deserve great credit. It has already been a great boon.

We have a good Local **Nursing Association** with an energetic good district qualified Nurse. She visits the houses of the sick, and has made about 2,000 visits during the year; has organised a modified Childs' welfare centre. There is a lady Health Visitor provided by the County Council, living at Brinkburn, who also looks after maternity cases and Infants. Other parts in your district that have nursing associations and Nurses, are found at Long-Framlington, Whittingham, Harbottle, and part of Cambo. There is one mid-wife living at Ritton White House.

Under the **Notification of Infectious diseases Act,** there were 33 cases notified. These consisted of Small Pox 4 cases, Chicken Pox 7, Scarlet Fever 14, Diphtheria 4, Pneumonia 3, Erysipelas 1, no others being returned. Only 2 were fatal 1 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Pneumonia. There were two outbreaks of Small Pox. The first occurred at the Old Pit Cottages (Longframlington) in a married woman aged 27. She had been away visiting at Chevington on June 13, and returned on the 16, attending a large motor gathering near the infected parts. She was slightly affected, as most cases in this new form of it, and it began about June 25 and the spots on 27. On visiting, she had only 2 faint marks of vaccination. There is a group of 3 Cottages here, well isolated. All contacts were vaccinated After a great deal of trouble and negotiations, chiefly by your Inspector's good offices during my holiday, the old inconvenient and unsuitable Hospital of yours, was opened out, a Nurse procured, and the present occupant engaged as Caretaker. The patient was removed there on July 3, and all disinfected and bedding burnt at the house. Drs. Hedley and Smail assisted The Infant that she was nursing at the breast, not previously vaccinated, until June 30 took it on or about July 9 and was taken to this Hospital. For a time, the Father could not get work at the Colliery, but this was rectified. A Doctor from the Ministry of Health also came and made enquiries, etc. The mother and infant returned home well on July 31, all being disinfected and bedding and some articles burnt.

The second outbreak was at Trewhitt Steads, quite apart from the above in all ways. On visiting, it appears that a lad aged 5 from Stakeford, unvaccinated, came on July 18, and on the 26, spots came out; this they attri-

buted to change of water. No Doctor saw him. On Aug. 8, a neighbour's child who played with him, a little girl aged 10, developed what her Doctor who saw him declared to be Small Pox of this mild type. On visiting, I found her little brother aged 13 had also developed it, on Aug. 10. With Mr. Clarkson's assistance, we got them both removed on Aug. 11 to the Hospital; they said their spots were like the little visitor's; this boy was removed home in a side-car, just before I arrived. The bedding being burnt. All contacts were re-vaccinated. The children's marks were not plain. On August 14 one of the Medical Inspectors from the Ministry of Health visited the Hospital. They returned home on Sept. 7, all being disinfected, and bedding burnt.

An important meeting was held in Alnwick, in connection with the question of Small Pox hospital accommodation. No conclusion was come to, the chief point being for 5 Areas to combine, and form one efficient Small Pox Hospital. Further details were asked for, and the Meeting adjourned.

Your Hospital requires another ward, repairs and furnishings. Also a proper permanent Caretaker.

A scare was caused by a Commercial traveller visiting in your district on April 20, with Small Pox upon him. Nearly all known contacts were vaccinated, and it did not spread.

Chicken Pox, the notification has been made compulsory, and a case was notified at Thropton. On visiting, it appears the lad came from Blyth, where it existed, on May 18th, and on the 28th developed the illness. He was well vaccinated, and no suspicion of Small Pox. He was isolated for a time, but soon got out, and it spread to 5 other children. In November, an isolated case occurred at Hesleyhurst Colliery Cottages, in a girl aged 5 years.

The **Scarlet Fever** occurred in 14 cases, all recovering. The first was in a little girl aged 5 years at the Lordenshaws. On visiting, I find she took ill about Feb. 27 and the rash appeared on March 1. She is not yet at School, I have a suspicion that a Rothbury person visiting may have carried it. She previously had

Shingles. She is well isolated up stairs, disinfectants and all care being used. The houses has recently been put in good sanitary and other repairs. It was mild, and the patient soon recovered, all being disinfected.

The next case occurred at Bickerton, and I suspect it was carried from the above, in a boy aged 11 years He was in Rothbury on the 7th of March, and developed it that night, being rather too soon for this source It next appeared at the Midgy Hall in a girl aged 13, on March 13. She was at school beside the boy who took it. She was isolated, all care taken and it did not spread any further. The next was an isolated case at the Shaw (Longframlington). On visiting, it was in a little girl aged 10, and occurred on June 28th. We could not trace the infection. All care was taken and no further cases occurred.

It next broke out at Wingates (Longhorsley). It was in a boy aged 10 on Oct. 13th, doubtless a brother had it, unknown, on October 2nd. I suspect a previous case had occurred in a child near by, that had been away visiting during the holidays. Others here seem to have had a mild attack, and have been asked to take more care. Next it occurred at Thropton in a child aged 7, who took it on Oct. 30. He was isolated upstairs, disinfectants and some care, but I suspect there had been some oversight. and a few mild cases occurred near at hand. On November 11 at Thropton, and Warton on November 20th in a girl aged 13 years. This seemed to end the outbreak. An entirely separate one began in the Holystone district. On visiting I found a child at School from S. Yardhope peeling. This case was not identified, and it spread to Campville, to a little girl aged 13 who took ill on Nov. 11, all care and isolation used, a sister took it on December 11th aged 19. It appeared at Sharperton in a male aged 22, and a boy aged 13, all care was taken, rooms etc. disinfected, and this seems to have ended it.

Diphtheria, being notified in 4 cases, with 1 fatal. The first occurred at Dueshill Cottage in a female aged 46. On visiting, on July 31, I found there was no history of infection, but a drain was blocked, and caused a smell. Antitoxine was used, and she recovered. Isolation and care were adopted. Measles and Chicken Pox had occurred here. The next was a mild case, on visiting, in a girl aged 7, at Rothley Crag Cottages, on September 10.

Antitoxine was given, isolation and care used with disinfectants, and it did not spread. Bacterial examination proved negative. The next, a mild care was inadvertently brought to my house from Hepple Woodside, the Doctor in attendance (temporary), thought she could be taken straight to your Hospital. Mr. Clarkson kindly got all arranged, and she was taken to Wallsend, where she really belonged, and had been visiting there just before taking her illness. All was disinfected and no more cases occurred. It was on October 12th, she was a young woman aged 19, and was a maid at the Woodside. The next was a very serious case from the onset. On visiting I found it was Healeycote, in a wretched wood unsanitary house, in a little girl aged 3 years, on October 24. An aunt and child had just been visiting, and I suspect these were carriers. The child was too ill to move. Antitoxine was given, but she succumbed on October 31. All was disinfected after. The Nurse being watched also before resuming other work. Bacterial examination was positive in this case, negative in the Nurse. No other cases occurred in the family, and later all moved out of the hut and it was closed. None of these cases were connected with the other, being in different parts of your district, and at different times. The Shick test was not applied. **Pneumonia,** (3 cases) (1) a little child aged 2 years at the Lee Huts, as these are so wretched, she was removed to the Infirmary, where she recovered and returned home, at the end of February. (These Huts have since been demolished and entirely removed, your Inspector having had great trouble with them). (2) a female aged 50 at Sharperton, of a bad type, and she died on April 15, (3) was a girl 10 at Caistron on December 24, milder, and she recovered. Influenza was possibly connected with these.

The **Erysipelas** was in a female aged 42 at East Hepple, and in the foot. There was no Ophthalmia notified, and no other infectious disease of the zymotic type. **Phthisis** (tuberculosis of the lungs), was notified in 4 cases. (1) a female aged 26 at Holystone. Bacteria were found in the sputum. It was also in the family history, a sister, brother, and other relatives. There was no overcrowding and no unsanitary conditions. Care and isolation were used, instructions given and sent, but she died on December 25th, all being disinfected. (2) a lad aged 23 at Ritton White House, notified on June 20th.

He had to cease work 6 weeks before. On inspection no unsanitary conditions, or overcrowding existed, except occasional short water supply. He went to Wooley Sanatorium early this year. (3) A male aged 41, came from Cheshire, a brass worker, to Whittingham Lane, his home; he was notified on September 25th. On visiting, all sanitary, no overcrowding, and all care taken, instructions given and disinfectants. He was admitted to Woolley Sanitorium on October 30th, and discharged cured in February of this year. (4) A male aged 39 at Whittingham on October 7th, on visiting. all care being taken, with ample accommodation; Bacteria were found in the sputum. He went to Woolley on October 24th, and returned improved in May of this year.

Of **Tuberculosis in other parts**, one case was notified in a boy aged 4 years, visiting Harbottle for health on August 27th. It was in the glands of the neck and he left later improved.

A male aged 35, previously reported upon, left your District (Yetlington) in August considerably improved. He had been at Woolley.

There were thus three cases of Tuberculosis in your District at the end of the year.

Bacteriological examinations were made at the Newcastle laboratory in eighteen specimens. Of these it was made for Tuberculosis in seven cases, two being returned positive, and five negative. For Diphtheria, in eleven cases, two being positive, and nine negative. They concerned fifteen persons, one being at the end of last year. I have not been notified of any Tuberculosis existing in cattle, alive or dead.

The Returns to me are regularly forwarded to the Ministry of Health, and County Council, each week.

Under **The Factory and Workshops Act** there are Factory works at Ritton White House (Whinstone and Limestone breaking and quarrying); 1 Flour Mill, and 1 Sawmill, with no complaints. There are twenty-four work places in your District, more or less in this category many being worked entirely by the family, and all in

sanitary condition. I point out to the blacksmiths the need of limeing the walls where the horses stand. These comprise : Blacksmiths 6, Joiners 6, Shoemakers 4, Tailors 3, Dressmakers 3, Cycle Repairers 2. There are no out-workers.

Under **The Dairy and Cowsheds Acts** there are seven farmers sending out large quantities of milk : (1) at **Little Tosson,** they keep 31 cows, sending 32 quarts to Rothbury and 28 gallons to North Seaton,etc. They cool the milk, and laid down a good hydraulic pump to pump up a spring water ; all kept clean. (2) The **Glebe,** 15 cows are kept, and they sell 126 quarts daily, sending 9 to the Workhouse, 6 to Rothbury, and 110 to Jesmond, in cans kept well cleaned, and the milk is cooled ; all clean drained and water supply. (3) **Snitter Back Lane,** 14 cows are kept, and they sell 130 quarts to Rothbury, sent in by cart, in covered cans and delivered to the door ; all kept clean ; (4) The **Wag Tail,** also sent in by cart and delivered at the door, 8 cows kept and 20 quarts, delivered daily ; all clean, and good water supply. (5) The **Butter-knowes** keeps 8 cows, selling 24 quarts, chiefly amongst the Lee Colliery population ; all clean. (6) **Gallow's Hill.** 18 cows kept, sending 26 gallons to Newcastle daily. Water short. All clean. (7) **Hartington Hall,** keep 27 Cows, and send 20 Gallons by train in covered Cans to Newcastle daily. The milk is cooled first. Generally, all milk is cooled that is sent by train, in covered Cans. well washed and kept, no milk is stored anywhere. They have well provided and drained Cow sheds and good water generally. The walls well limed. There are a few small ones at Longframlington, not so well kept and favoured. None supply the Grade A1 Milk. Milk has been supplied to the children of Miners at the Lee Colliery, out of work There were not any Cows reported or seen, that were Tubercular. We made 30 visits.

The **Slaughter Houses,** there are 3 in the district, none of them quite up to requirements, and not fully registered. They are at Longframlington, Whittingham, and Elsdon. At Longframlington, they are using the Stables attached to the New Inn, all drained and clean. At Whittingham, the buildings and yard are dilapidated and need better drainage, etc , an Iron roof to out-house has been repaired. At Elsdon all is clean. Limeing is

fairly carried out, and all kept fairly clean. We have not heard of or seen, any unsound or Tubercular meat being for sale. We made 42 visits, Mr. Clarkson is the Meat Inspector, and all slaughterings must be given notice of, to him at Rothbury.

The **Public Water Supplies**. At **Longframlington**, a good deal of attention has had to be given by your Inspector, the supply was short, and at last, a root was found in the main pipe, all but blocking it up, when removed, the supply is good again, but washers need watching. The Harrogate blocked furred pipe has been re-laid. At **Thropton** all is in good order, and this and above have freed their cost of laying. **Snitter** the pipe has been re-laid. **Harbottle** is a good supply and in good order; being rented. **Elsdon** is a private one. Since the Rectory was relaid, there are not so many complaints, and a Parish meeting decided to take no further steps. At the Hesleyhurst Colliery Cottage, 30, the Colliery having closed down, pumping has ceased, and the water supply also. A very serious situation is caused, as many of these houses, are still occupied. The old ones are removed.

Public Sewers laid down with rate aid, are at Thropton, Harbottle, Snitter, Netherton, Elsdon, Longframlington. This latter has needed a little attention. Elsdon channell has been cleaned out. The rest are in good condition and free from debt. An open runner at Alwinton has been cleared out. The Rothbury (Urban) sewage works are in your district; they are well attended to, and are in good order; the effluent is practically without colour or odour.

The **Elementary Schools**, there are 17 in your district, with accommodation for 1023 Scholars. At the Kidland Lee much needed sanitary conveniences have been added, 1 new one for each sex, with Urinal. At Longframlington, the drainage has needed attention. At the Lee the closing of the Colliery Huts has caused less pressure. I have not heard of any closure for sickness, but Influenza has at times caused considerable shortage. There are 13 fully licensed public houses in your district, all in sanitary condition. There is no common lodging

house. 3 Petrol stores There are no byelaws. There were no proceedings before the Magistrates.

New Houses, 4 have been built, 1 each, at Biddlestone Edge, Elsdon, Screnwood, Whittingham. At Netherton Buildings, 2 Cottages almost re-built. At Lane End (Elsdon), the unoccupied unsanitary house has been quite restored and made sanitary. Under the first housing inspection, there were 6 houses still left unfit to occupy, one of these, at the Old Gate Cottage has been considerably improved, leaving 5. The Old Pit Cottages at Longframlington have been greatly improved, the drain still needs attention with a water supply. All the Wooden Huts (22) at the Lee Sidings Colliery, some unfit to occupy, have now been entirely removed after much trouble and success on your Inspector's part. A Privy-midden at Hepple, converted into W.C. At Hartington Hall, the old existing manure heap at the roadside, has been cleared away. Your Inspector has given attention to all the above and regularly visits parts of the district. reporting at each meeting, see reports at end.

I am indebted to Miss L. Hudson of Cragside, for the following table of rainfall &c. during the year taken there at a height 405 feet above sea level.

	Inches	Wet days	Hours of Sunshine
JANUARY	1·90	17	42
FEBRUARY	5 48	18	69
MARCH	2·36	27	128
APRIL...	3·11	26	139
MAY	3.24	30	125
JUNE	0·13	27	188
JULY	2.60	29	240
AUGUST	2·95	28	101
SEPTEMBER	3·80	26	105
OCTOBER	2·21	24	105
NOVEMBER	2·43	21	77
DECEMBER	4·95	14	42
TOTALS ...	35·16	290	1368

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT :

Year ending December 31st, 1925. *Sanitary Officers Order 1922 Art. 19 (12)*

Rothbury Rural District.

Population - 5050.

E. J. Clarkson, Inspector.

	HOUSING.						WATER SUPPLY		DRAINAGE			SANITARY CONVEN-IENCES.													
	Structural defects	Dampness	Unfit for Human Habitation	Defective Spouting	Overcrowding	Nuisances	Insufficient	Unsatisfactory	Foul	Untrapped or dilapidated	Insufficient	Structural defects	Insufficient	Foul	Dairies & Cowsheds	Slaughter Houses	Tents, Vans, etc.	Offensive Trades	Workshops and Workplaces	Nuisances from keeping of animals	Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles	Ashpits improperly used	Offensive accumulations	Smoke nuisances	Petrol Stores
No. of Inspections made 425	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	14	36	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. of defects or contraventions of bye-laws found	12	30	6	30	..	10	80	...	...	40	...	...	8	...	..	1	...	...	...	..	6	...	..	...	...
No. of defects etc. outstanding from previous year	13	19	6	18	...	10	50	...	...	34	...	..	8	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	2	...	...	..	..
Total	25	49	6	48	...	20	80	...	...	40	...	...	16	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	3
Number remedied after letter or interview.	16	16	1	22	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
No. of informal notices served	4	40	6	26	...	20	10	...	...	10	..	...	16	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	..	...	...
Defects remedied thereafter	4	20	1	6	...	15	...	...	..	...	...	...	4	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	..	..
No. of statutory notices served	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defects remedied thereafter	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
In progress or being dealt with	...	9	2	20	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	..	12	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Legal Proceedings	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

WORK EFFECTED.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

Privies Abolished	1
.. Repaired	4
Privy Ashpits roofed or repaired	0
W.C.'s provided	1
Sanitary bins provided	0

DRAINAGE.

New drains constructed	0
Repaired or reconstructed	4
Additional gullies prov'd	4
Old gullies replaced	1
Scullery sinks provided	2
.. waste pipes repaired	3
,, waste pipes trapped	4
Yards rep'd or re cons'd	0

WATER SUPPLY.

New service provided	0
No. of houses affected	30

DISINFECTION

Houses disinfected	10
Schools disinfected	0
Appliances provided	13

UNSOUND FOOD.

Seized or Surrendered	0

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Samples taken	0

RIVER POLLUTION.

Instances remedied	0
S.D. Works provided	0

HOUSING (INSPECTION OF DISTRICT) REGULATIONS, 1910. (ACT V).

Statistics for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

ROTHBURY RURAL DISTRICT	Total for whole district	Rothbury	Alwinton	Whitting-ham	Long Framlington	Brinkburn and Alnham	Cambo and Elsdon	Longhorsley and Netherwitton
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded	260	120	14	30	75	10	3	8
No. of dwelling houses found to be unfit	20	14	2		3		1	
COMPLAINTS that houses were unfit (a) by householders	7	2	2		2		1	
(b) by parish Councils	None							
CLOSING ORDERS (a) No. of representations to L.A.	None							
(b) No. of orders made	None							
(c) No. determined after works completed	None							
No. of Houses Voluntarily closed (a) after notice under Sec. 28, 1919	None							
(b) without notice	None							
No. of houses demolished (a) under demolition orders	None							
(b) voluntarily by owners	None							
No. of houses made fit for habitation (a) after informal notice	None							
(b) after service of notice under Sec. 28 1919	None							
(c) after closing order had been made	None							
(d) by Local Authority in default of owner	None							
General character of defects found								
HOUSING ACT 1890 (a) No of representations of obstructive buildings	None							
(b) No. of such buildings demolished	None							
(c) Representations as to unhealthy areas. (Parts I and II.)	None							